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SUBJECT: IPU DELEGATES COMMENT ON PANAMA CANAL, ECHEVERRIA

IUN CANDIDACY, CERDS, OTHER TOPICS.

1. ON APRIL 18 AND 19, MEXICAN PRESS PUBLISHED COMMENTS OF SEVERAL IPU (INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION) DELEGATES ON THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT (PHOENIX, APRIL 16) ON THE PANAMA CANAL (PARAPHRASED HERE AS AN ASSERTION THAT THE "US WILL DEFEND ITS INTEREST IN PANAMA AGAINST ALL OF LATIN AMERICA IF IT IS NECESSARY). IPU PRESIDENT, D.S. DILLON OF INDIA SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER "HAS SAID MANY THINGS . . . WITH RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL. THE WORLD INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION HAS NO REASON FOR ACCEPTING THESE; PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE THEIR OWN CRITERION. . . WHEN KISSINGER OR THE UNITED STATES EXPRESS NEGATIVE POSITIONS, THESE MUST BE CRITICIZED. WHEN THEY ARE POSITIVE, THESE MUST BE CONSIDERED." NICARAGUA'S CHIEF DELEGATE, MARTHA ELISA GONZALEZ ESPINOSA, THOUGHT THAT KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS "WERE MADE AT A GIVEN MOMENT, PERHAPS WITHOUT MUCH REFLECTION, BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A

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CONFRONTATION WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN BLOC SUITS THE INTER-

ESTS OF THE U.S." SHE ADDED, "WE ARE AS FRIENDLY WITH THE U.S. AS WITH PANAMA AND IF WE WERE PLACED IN A POSITION OF CHOOSING, WE WOULD BE IN A DILEMMA." THE HEAD OF BRAZIL'S DELEGATION, VIRGILIO TAVORA, SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL MAINTAIN ITS SUPPORT FOR PANAMA IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL. THE LEADER OF YUGOSLAVIA'S DELEGATION, DR. PEVO DAPCEVIC, WARNED THAT AS VIETNAM DEMONSTRATED, ARMS AND POWER CANNOT SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM AND CALLED FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CANAL ISSUE.

2. ON PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA'S POSSIBLE CANDIDACY FOR UN SECRETARY GENERAL, DAPCEVIC MADE THE WARMEST ENDORSEMENT SAYING THAT IF ECHEVERRIA WERE A CANDIDATE, YUGOSLAVIA WOULD VOTE FOR HIM. TAVORA CONFINED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT BRAZIL WOULD VIEW HIS CANDIDACY "WITH SYMPATHY." SEVERAL ACCOUNTS INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION'S HEAD, A.P. CHITIKOV, SAID THAT THE USSR RECOGNIZED ECHEVERRIA'S "IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS" AND WOULD STUDY THE MATTER IF HE WERE TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE UN POST. SURPRISINGLY, FAR LEFTIST EL DIA, WHICH USUALLY REPORTS COMMUNIST LEADERS' STATEMENTS FULLY AND IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT, SAID THAT CHITIKOV, WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY, "DECLARED THAT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HEARD THAT THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO ASPIRES TO THIS POST AND, CONSEQUENTLY, HE COULD NOT MAKE COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER."

3. IN ADDITION, CHITIKOV REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT THE USSR WILL CONTINUE AIDING THIRD WORLD NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HE ALSO CHARGED THAT AMERICANS ARE THE FOREMOST ARMS MERCHANTS.

4. DILLON (SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY GIVEN THE SITUATIONS IN MEXICO AND INDIA) WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF "PARLIAMENTS WHICH ARE MERE APPENDAGES OF THE EXECUTIVE" AND OF MILITARY COUP D'ETATS IN LATIN AMERICA BECAUSE THE PARLIAMENTS IN THESE NATIONS "ARE INVARIABLY ABOLISHED."

5. A MEMBER OF MEXICO'S DELEGATION, SEN NORBERTO MORA PLANCARTE, ANNOUNCED THAT MEXICO WILL PRESENT A RESOLUTION CALLING ON PARLIAMENTARIANS TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD TO URGE "THE NECESSITY OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER"(NIEO) AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS). (COMMENT: IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THE MEXICANS DID NOT MOUNT A MAJOR CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF TWO OF THEIR FAVORITE THEMES, NIEO AND CERDS.) THOMPSON

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